

Basketball News

This year New Boston will have 5 teams that participate in the Manchester Suburban League. There will be a 5/6 girls team, 3/4 boys team, 5/6 boys A team and B team, and a 7/8 boys team.

Playing on these teams requires a commitment to play from late November to mid March. The season starts with a weekend jamboree in early December then a 12 to 14 game regular season. The league tournament is held in early March and is held over a two week period. There are no league games during Christmas vacation and February vacation. The teams may also play in other tournaments during the season.

Tryouts for these teams will be held at the New Boston Central School gym in October with some practices starting in October and November. Teams are selected based on ability. Kids may play in an older age group if their ability and if the parents and coach agree that it would be the right fit for that player. Independent observers will assist coaches in choosing the teams. If your child tries out for a team and does not make it OR they are not interested in tryouts they will be put on a team that participates in the Merrimack Basketball League. **You must register for basketball through the New Boston Recreation office, either online or in their office, before these tryouts,**

Here is a summary of the difference between the Manchester Suburban League and the Merrimack Basketball League.

Manchester Suburban League

12 to 14 game schedule
Minimum 8 minute playing time
Ends mid March
Games could be any day of the week
Additional cost to original \$75 fee

Merrimack Basketball League

7 to 9 game schedule
Equal playing time
Ends by February Vacation
Saturday games
Flat fee, \$75

Tryout dates at New Boston Central School gymnasium:

5/6 Girls - Friday, October 4 from 6 to 7:30pm
5/6 Boys for both A and B teams - Saturday October 5 from 6 to 7:30pm
3/4 Boys – TBD (We will get word out when a date/time is set).
7/8 Boys - Friday October 4 from 7:30 - 9:00

You do not need to pre-register for tryouts. Just make sure your child is registered for basketball through the Recreation Department by October 4 then just show up at the New Boston Central School gym for your age group tryout.

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